

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to election filed 10/31/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18 and 38-43.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 2/17/2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/31/2006.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification

On page 12, line 21 insert - - so that warp yarn 6 becomes the terminal warp yarn for that pass - - after "warp yarn 6"; line 24 insert - - Warp yarn 8 becomes the terminal warp yarn for the second pass 12. - - after "warp yarn."; line 25 insert - - (the terminal warp yarn for the third pass) - - after "warp yarn 7".

On page 13, line 2, insert - - (the terminal warp yarn for this pass 14) - - after "warp yarn 9"; line 6 insert - - as the terminal warp yarn- - after "warp yarn 6"; line 7 insert - - terminal - - before "warp yarn 8"; line 9 insert - - as the terminal warp yarn - - after "warp yarn 7"; line 10 insert - - as the terminal warp yarn - - after "warp yarn 9".

In The Claims

In claim 1, line 10 insert - - terminal - - before "warp yarn", also in line 10 insert - - and on subsequent passes the weft yarn loops around a different terminal warp yarn - - after "warp yarn,", also in line 10 delete "on" and replace with - - after - -.

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In claim 10, line 5 insert - - passes - - after "successive", also in line 5 delete ",passes" found after "looped", and finally in line 5 insert - - terminal - - before "warp yarns".

In claim 38, line 5 delete "weft" and replace with - - terminal warp - -.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: independent claims 1, 10, 38 and the respective dependent claims are allowed.

Claim 1 requires a method of manufacturing a woven belt comprising central warp yarns having a predetermined shrinkage characteristic and edge region warp yarns of a lesser shrinkage characteristic, where the weft yarns are looped around a different selected terminal warp yarn on each successive pass and subsequent shrinking of the belt. The method leads to a woven belt material with a very soft, smooth edge for increased user comfort without the added processes or materials needed in prior art attempts to provide a smooth edge on belting materials.

Claims 10 and 38, require a method and resulting woven webbing belt that also uses the edge configuration in which each successive weft yarn is looped around a different selected terminal warp yarn. As above this weaving pattern results in a smooth, soft edge without further materials or processing as in prior art attempts to provide soft edged belt materials.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert H. Muromoto, Jr. whose telephone number is 571-272-4991. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-530, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Calvert can be reached on 703-305-1025. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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